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INFO AMEMBASSY ATHENS

AMEMBASSY DUBLIN

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SUBJECT: GREECE TO OPEN EMBASSY IN DUBLIN

1. CONSTANTIN ZEPOS, DCM AT GREECE'S MISSION TO EC, TELLS US THAT EARLY NEXT YEAR (PERHAPS FEBRUARY) HE WILL OPEN GREEK EMBASSY IN DUBLIN AS AMBASSADOR. HE PLANS TO VISIT DUBLIN WITH HIS WIFE IN JANUARY TO MAKE PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS. ZEPOS SAID THAT GOG, WHICH NOW HAS ITS AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE CONCURRENTLY ACCREDITED TO IRELAND, IS OPENING DUBLIN POST BECAUSE IT BELIEVES GREECE SHOULD HAVE AN EMBASSY IN EACH EC CAPITAL NOW THAT GREECE IS NEGOTIATING FOR EC MEMBERSHIP.

2. OFFICER AT IRISH MISSION TO EC TOLD US THAT WHILE HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO RECIPROcate BY OPENING EMBASSY IN AHTENS, BUDGETARY STRINGENCIES WILL PRECLUDE DOING SO FOR PERHAPS NEXT TWO YEARS.

3. BIOGRAPHIC. ZEPOS IS IN HIS MID-FORTIES, SPEAKS ENGLISH WELL, AND HAS BEEN FRIENDLY AND ACCESSIBLE TO MISSION OFFICERS. HE RECALLS WITH GREAT FONDNESS SIX-MONTH VISIT TO U.S. AS EISENHOWER FELLOW FOUR OR FIVE YEARS AGO. MRS ZEPOS IS AN AFFABLE WOMAN OF MANY INTERESTS, INCLUDING TIBETAN BUDDHISM. PERHAPS EMBASSY ATHENS CAN PROVIDE EMBASSY DUBLIN FURTHER BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION.

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